

ASPC MEETING

December 1, 2006

Attendees:

Angie King	Adult Abuse Prevention Council
Lidia McCune	Hospice of San Luis Obispo County
Meredith Bates	Bates Care Management
Helen Sampson	Lifesteps Foundation/Linkages
Ann Travers	Adult Services, Department of Social Services/Supportive Housing Consortium
Cindy Marie Absey	District Attorney/Victim Witness
John Gannon	Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board
Lillian Judd	EOC
Marsha Bollinger	HIV Prevention, Advocacy and Care Consortium
Evan Mendelson	Hotline
Denise Martinez	Independent Living Resource Center
Karen Stenson	LTC Ombudsman Services of SLO County
Mary Miller	EOC Healthcare Ombudsman
Suzanne Sefcik	San Luis Ambulance
Barry Johnson	Transitions-Mental Health Association

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Barry Johnson: Growing Grounds is having its first Holiday Open House today until 5:00 pm. There will be refreshments and door prizes, and holiday wreaths will be made to order.

Ann Travers: The ASPC will be asked to advise on the process of the Santa Barbara Health Authority's assumption of the provision of MediCal services, to take place in January, 2008. Ann also announced that the IHSS caregiver wage becomes \$9.00/hr as of today, with additional raises to take place over the next two years.

Cindy Marie Absey: ASPC has submitted two proposals to be included in the county's legislative platform, one requesting increased funding for Adult Protective Services, and one requesting funding for Hotline's 211 system. Cindy Marie also announced that the DA's office now has a Financial Abuse of Elders prosecution team headed by Mia Thiesmeyer. The final draft of the First Responders' protocol is still being reviewed by participant agencies, and should be completed in the near future.

Marsha Bollinger: Today is World Aids Day, and 10% of the profits of many restaurants in the county will be donated to the Aids Project.

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS TO THE SYNOPSIS:

The notes from the November 3, 2006 meeting were corrected to indicate that "Caregiver Licensing" is the correct name of that group, rather than "Community Care Licensing".

Jeff Hamm corrected the information under the "General Hospital" agenda item as follows: The Drug & Alcohol Division staff will relocate to the remodeled hospital building, which is informally referred to as the Health Campus. Behavioral Health Admin staff currently housed at 1011 Pacific St downtown SLO and Public Health Admin staff currently located on Bishop and Sierra Way will also relocate to the Health Campus. Dr. Thomas and most of the Public Health staff in the Public Health building on the corner of Johnson and Bishop will remain there, and Environmental Health and CHDP/CCS staff in the Sierra Way building will remain there.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Action Survey: (Lillian) A report outlining survey results will be developed and shared with the ASPC when completed.

Caregiver Licensing: (Meredith) There will be a meeting of those interested in this issue following the January 5th ASPC meeting in the same conference room. Jo Black from the Independent Living Resource Center and Steve Wiley of Hospice have both had experience in establishing caregiver registries and will attend the January meeting. Ann stated that the county is conducting background checks for each IHSS caretaker applicant. The checks cost \$50 per person, and can be completed within two days. It was proposed that a training program for in-home workers might be an appropriate topic for a Preventative Health Care grant.

Long-Term Case Management: (Ann) An application for a half time AmeriCorp worker has been submitted, with the position to be paid for by DSS. The worker, who will be employed for approximately ten months, will conduct a feasibility study of a long-term case management system, including a cost savings analysis.

Disaster Preparedness: (Evan) PG&E has approved a grant to Red Cross to develop a VOAD.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Universal Health Care:** (Healthcare for All-CA) Representatives from Healthcare for All (California) gave a PowerPoint presentation about a proposal for universal health care for all residents of California as proposed in SB 840, which can be reviewed at healthcareforall.com and onecarenow.org. **The power point presentation is on the ASPC website.** The discussion of ASPC's endorsement of the bill was deferred until a future meeting to allow members of the executive committee to review the legislation in its entirety.
2. **Preventative Health Grants:** (Angie) Since applications for these grants are not due until the end of January, 2007, the discussion about possible grant requests was deferred to the January ASPC meeting. Angie stated that the Adult Abuse Prevention Counsel (AAPC) has identified the lack of emergency placements for seniors/disabled as an issue in our community, and a topic, which might be appropriate for a grant application.

NEXT MEETING:

**January 5, 2007
9:00 – 11:00 AM
2975 McMillan Road
San Luis Obispo**